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## Local News

### Paw Paw and Vicinity

L. A. Watson of Covert was in Paw Paw on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuttle were Kalamazoo visitors Tuesday.

Miss Elizabeth Loftis is in Lawrence caring for a sick patient.

Carl Wolf and family left last Saturday for their home in Detroit.

Glenn Warner was in Detroit last week attending to legal business.

Leo Warner was in town last week and spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Edwin Reeves was a guest of Kalamazoo friends the first of the week.

Mrs. B. F. Warner was hostess to the Monday club last Monday afternoon.

Abe Robbins of Bangor was shaking hands with Paw Paw friends Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Simpson Jr. of Keeler were Paw Paw visitors last Thursday.

W. H. Nunn of Chicago has been in Paw Paw the guest of relatives this week.

Henry Howland spent Sunday last at the home of Jeff Jennings at Reynolds Lake.

Mrs. Charles Lake spent Tuesday the guest of her daughter Mrs. Anna Shanahan in Lawton.

Mrs. Roy Reeves and daughter of Chicago are guests of her uncle, Edwin Reeves and family.

Mrs. N. E. Dillie who has been very sick for the past week or so is improving very slowly.

John Toumey and Fred Gage of Lawrence were in Paw Paw on business the first of the week.

George Ernsberger and wife expect to leave in the near future for California to spend the winter.

Mrs. J. C. Maxwell has been sick with throat trouble and confined to the house for the past week.

Mrs. Frank Fuller of Lawrence spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend Mrs. Harry Showerman.

G. E. Chappel and grand daughter Miss Helen Harrison were guests at the Ray Chappel home in Niles the first of the week.

Mrs. H. P. Waters is in Lawton at the home of her daughter Mrs. Lowell Packer where she expects to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler have moved into their house near the school house and are now nicely settled for the winter.

Lieutenants Mark Chaffee, Glenn Showerman and Howard Parks came from Camp Custer last Sunday to spend the day at home.

Miss Gertrude Summey who is attending Normal in Kalamazoo came home for the week end and spent the time with relatives.

M. L. Barber who was injured in a railroad accident some time ago, does not seem to recover as rapidly as his friends had hoped for.

Miss Caroline Johnson celebrated her seventeenth birthday last Friday by entertaining a company of young friends to a six o'clock dinner.

John Mutchler and family motored to Grand Rapids Saturday morning and spent the week end with his brother and family in that city.

There will be no meeting of the Coterie next Wednesday as many of the ladies will be getting busy for Thanksgiving the next day, while others are planning to leave town.

Mrs. H. H. Adams has been in Lawton for the past two weeks at the home of her mother while Mr. Adams is in the north woods looking after all game that comes his way.

O'Grady Bros. have added a fine line of Suit Cases and Trunks to their fine stock of gent's furnishings. The boys have earned the distinction of having one of the finest and most complete gentlemen's furnishing stores in Southern Michigan.

Mrs. O. W. Kaye was a business caller in Kalamazoo Monday.

Regular meeting of Paw Paw chapter O. E. S. next Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sowles moved to their farm near Banks Lake last Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Kroth and Mrs. Bennett McKinstry were Kalamazoo callers on Friday last.

Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman will speak at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning.

Mrs. Charles Morrisson and son Robert went to Grand Rapids Friday for a short visit with relatives.

There will be a regular meeting of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening, November 26th.

Miss Mildred Shepard and Miss Margaret Cole will be week end guests of Mrs. Al Wauchek in Gobleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller are now nicely settled in their new home recently vacated by the C. A. Wolf family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kroth were guests of Kalamazoo friends for a dancing party in that city last Friday night.

Mrs. Harvey Cooley and children left Saturday for a weeks visit with relatives in South Bend, Indiana and Niles, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bilsborrow and Miss Truly Fuller were callers at the Battle Creek Sanitarium one day last week.

Merrill and Truie Fuller are the proud possessors of a new Ford car a gift from their uncle Mort Fuller of Lawrence.

Major E. W. Thompson was called to Lawrence from Waco, Texas last week on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Muri Fuller returned home Friday from Battle Creek Sanitarium where he had been taking treatment for the past two months.

Mrs. Alice Grimes has gone to Hills dale where she will visit her daughter Mrs. Edith Kirby and family until after Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Morrison of Benton Harbor is with her sister Mrs. Henry Holt to assist in Mr. Holts care. He is now in a critical condition.

Big Doings are planned for the Odd Fellow meeting tonight. There will be a Pot luck supper, and every member is urged to be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Scovell have moved into town and are now occupying the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Harrington on Territorial Road.

As a result of a collision in a Basket Ball game last week, Mr. Harbolt, athletic director of the schools now wears a patch on his nose.

The telephone company have removed the poles from Main street which adds much to the appearance of the business section of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richmond departed Saturday for Peoria, Ill., where they will spend the winter at the home of their daughter Mrs. Fay Amburn.

Mrs. Charles Morrison was in Bangor Wednesday a guest at the home of her grandmother Mrs. Ihling who celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday that day.

Mrs. Caroline Sellick spent Monday in Kalamazoo. She was accompanied by her sister Mrs. Parker who has been a guest of Mrs. Sellick for some time.

Mrs. Zilpha Ferguson entertained the Knitting club members on Monday evening. The next meeting will be held with Miss Hattie Breed on Monday of next week.

The Maple City Grocery store will go on a cash basis on December 1st. The reasons for the change and other items of interest to customers of this store will be found in their "ad" in this issue. Don't overlook it.

George Howe is recovering from a serious operation performed at the Navy Hospital at Norfolk, Virginia. According to word received by his brothers here, he has been ordered to report as soon as he is able for duty as commander of a Submarine.

L. B. Gorton was a Gobles visitor on Monday.

Miss Josie Van Auker is the guest of Hartford friends.

Charles Wheeler of South Haven was an over Sunday guest of Vernon Decker.

A splendid feature will be shown at the Idle Hour Saturday night of this week.

Vern Decker and friend Charles Wheeler motored to Kalamazoo Monday to attend the theatre.

Mrs. Rich and Mrs. Albert Wauchek of Gobleville motored to Paw Paw last Friday and were calling on friends.

The Rebekahs will meet at the hall on Monday evening to practice for work. All members are urged to come.

The teachers of the Paw Paw schools were entertained at the home of Mrs. Frank Warner by the teachers residing there.

The John Frey Auction Sale advertised in these columns last week for today has been postponed until next Tuesday, November 27th. Don't overlook the date.

The Van Buren County Press association will meet at South Haven today. An excellent program has been prepared by C. O. Monroe and S. H. Wilson of the South Haven Tribune.

The school notes are on page three this week. A line omitted in one of the items destroys the real meaning and gives a wrong impression. Mrs. Kaye's talk before the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade English classes last Friday afternoon was about the historic scenes in and around "Stratford-on-Avon" the home of Shakespeare.

Howard Paul, an Indian from St. Joseph county was struck by an automobile west of town one evening this week and suffered a badly fractured leg. He was riding a bicycle and lost control of the wheel in the soft gravel, going square across the road in front of a machine driven by Lyle Mott of Coloma. Sheriff Beattie took the injured man in at the jail, and provided medical attention and a nurse.

The ladies of the Coterie are planning a larger and better bazaar of fancy articles for sale this year than ever. If in doubt just what to buy for Christmas be sure and visit this great sale December 12th. Place announced later.

Mrs. Harry Showerman entertained the Maids and Matrons to a chicken dinner last Saturday evening at 6:30. Of course there were some other "eats" and after all there were too full for utterance, the debris was cleared away and the remainder of the evening spent in playing Bridge.

Silas Hoppin of Sturgis was a guest of his nephew Wm. C. Mosier and family over Sunday. Mr. Hoppin is now past eighty-six years of age, and taught school in Paw Paw in an early day, when the school house was where the Decker residence now stands. He will be remembered by some of the older residents of the village.

The ladies of the Coterie gave a reception to the D. O. T. C. at the club house on Wednesday evening. Notwithstanding the stormy weather about sixty were present, and a pleasant and profitable evening spent. Mrs. A. Lynn Free gave a talk on "Four years in the Hull House" and Mrs. O. W. Kaye gave "Impressions of my Trip Abroad." Both ladies are splendid speakers, which with an intimate knowledge of the subject matter made the talks intensely interesting. There was music and refreshments and all combined to make the affair a success.

D. R. Thayer has resigned his position as Rural Mail carrier and gone to Washington, D. C. where he will enter the Depot Quartermaster's office in the Transportation department. Mr. Thayer is an expert in this line, and was in that branch of the civil service when transferred to the local office. Mrs. Clara Hayden will take his place on the route for a time. Mrs. Thayer and children will remain here until the close of the school year, when the eldest daughter Miss Thelma will graduate. They will then join Mr. Thayer and make Washington their future home.

Fred Wilbur entertained a brother from Camp Custer last Sunday.

M. H. Sherod of St. Paul, Minn., was a visitor at the home of his sister Mrs. Claude Snow and family the first of the week.

Miss Helen Stephenson and daughter have moved into the Barton residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Warner.

S. Van Ostrand of South Haven was in Paw Paw on Monday. Mr. Van Ostrand has been in the drug business in the city of South Haven for many years, and just recently sold out. He is now employed by the "Utility Operating Co." of Kalamazoo.

Francis Lake, manual training teacher in the Paw Paw schools last year, is one of the new recruits for Camp Custer. His home is in Berlamont, and a farewell party was given him there in the Grange Hall one evening this week. People everywhere never tire in doing honor to the boys who are going to the front.

A letter from Miss Irene Reynolds from Connersville, Indiana renewing her subscription to The True Northerner states that she always looks for the Paw Paw grapes in the market there and is always able to find them. She has had grapes from the Buskirk and Lurkins vineyards and this year from Bale's. They are in fine condition, and larger and sweeter than any of the other fruit, she says. Hurrah for the Paw Paw grapes.

Elden Hershberger and family of Hillsdale were guests at the home of his brother Henry Hershberger and family last week. The brothers had not seen each other for twenty years and the reunion was naturally a very pleasant occasion. Frank Hedges and family accompanied them back as far as Battle Creek, where they visited Owen D. Pike, who worked for Mr. Hodges several years some nine years ago.

The M. A. C. will open a short training school in production on January 7th. The object of this course is to teach young men in the rural communities how to put their best foot forward in the coming summer's campaign for record production of crops and farm products. The course will take up general agricultural practice, dairying, horticulture, crops soils and poultry and will run eight weeks.

Loring Austin of Petoskey has been the guest of his niece Mrs. Lena Weatherwax in Waverly for a time. While here he has made two trips to South Bend, and one to Chicago, walking nearly all of the distance. Mr. Austin called at the Northerner office Monday, and stated that he was "Not a Weston" but just an amateur. He is seventy years of age, and expects to walk back to his home in Petoskey. He is hale and hearty for one of his age, and states his good physical condition is due to the out door exercise.

New orders issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder changes the whole status of the remaining draft lists. The order revokes all former exemptions and will classify every person of draft age for duty when needed. The new orders will give the local board more power, and makes the District Board simply an appellate body to review evidence already given before the district board. We understand that all exempted persons must again go before an examining board for classification. Full instructions have not been received by the local board as yet.

There seems to be some misunderstanding among automobile owners in regard to the Federal War tax. Some have had the impression that individual owners must pay a tax, based on the value of their car. As we understand the matter, cars are not taxed to individual owners. Manufacturers are taxed three per cent of the selling price of the car, but there is no Federal War Tax to the individual owners. The original War Income Tax bill contained such a clause by which all car owners would have been taxed a lump sum, based on the original value of the car. As we are informed this feature was eliminated in conference, and the burden put upon the manufacturer. Of course eventually this sum will come out of the man who buys a new car, but there is no Federal Tax to be levied on individual owners of automobiles.

Earl Bangs and wife spent Tuesday in Kalamazoo.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoyt and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cole motored to Kalamazoo on Tuesday.

C. N. Hathaway is improving from his recent injury. He still needs crutches to assist in getting around.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jennings and mother, Mrs. Barton were Kalamazoo visitors on Tuesday.

Byron Bilsborrow of Albion is a guest at the home of his cousin Chas. Bilsborrow.

Mrs. Belle Filley and Miss Irene Cole were guests of relatives in Niles this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Geisler, daughter Gertrude and mother Mrs. Zebell of Hartford were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lang.

C. W. Reynolds spent Sunday last with his son Lynn at Camp Custer. He found the boys in excellent health and spirits and anxious to "Get over and at em." Wint says that all this talk about carelessness and waste at the camp is all Bosh.

We are happy to report the splendid condition of A. N. Cole who underwent an operation at Bronson Hospital last Wednesday night for appendicitis. He is recovering as rapidly as could be expected, and will soon be restored to health again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morton desire to express through these columns their sincere thanks and appreciation for the assistance rendered them in the purchase of a horse. They would especially thank Col. Henry McCabe who solicited the financial aid, and also every one who contributed. The assistance at just this time meant much, and was appreciated.

Thursday November 29th, has been designated by the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Michigan as Thanksgiving Day. A Union service will be held in the Baptist church on that day at 10:30 A. M. Let the citizens of Paw Paw fittingly observe the day and acknowledge their indebtedness to the "Giver of all Good" by attending this service and filling the church to the Methodist church will preach. The music will be lead by a large chorus choir.

Steps are being taken with a view of having a Community Christmas Tree in Paw Paw on the coming Christmas eve. The tree and all the exercises will be in the open. It is proposed that our children be requested this year to give, rather than to expect gifts, and that the parcels be sent to the needy children in the war devastated countries across the water. (This is certainly a worthy and patriotic movement. Let every person enter into the spirit of the plan and assist in making Christmas mean something to those poor needy orphans in the devastated districts of war stricken Europe. Let them know that God has not forgotten them in the hour of their great sacrifice, and sufferings. Editor)

The ladies of the land are doing a noble work for the boys at the front. Everywhere they are knitting, doing Red Cross work, and making many sacrifices for the welfare and comfort of those who must fight for a glorious victory. The Monday club of Paw Paw with the assistance of those faithful ladies who have helped them, and already knit and sent thirty-four sweaters and wristlets to Paw Paw boys in the army. Following is the list of those who have been recipients, and who are grateful for the loyalty and patriotism of the ladies back home, as the many letters received will testify:—The Boys in France—Raymond Haworth, Cyril Bailey, Ross Wilkins and Frank Isbell. Boys in the army—Lieut. Mark Chaffee, Lieut. Robert Dillon, Lieut. Glenn Showerman, Lieut. Lloyd Harvey, Howard Parks, Lynn Reynolds, Lieut. Leland Aseltine, Claire McFarlin, Grant McFarlin, Clifford Nash, George Strong, Lewis Miner, Carl Mather, E. J. Leaver, C. D. Shaffer, Harry McLain, Harry Butler, Lynn Lake, Eber Bennett, Maurice Cole, Paul Mackey, Frank Mackey, Roscoe Plaskett, Alva Rowlee. Boys in the Navy—Leon Ferguson, Glen L. Healy, W. L. Danger, Andrew Hopkins, Edmond Bills and Claire Doran.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mosier were Kalamazoo visitors Wednesday.

J. E. Packer has returned from a two weeks visit with his daughter in Macy, Indiana.

Mrs. Clara Harrett and Mrs. Fred Showerman were among the Kalamazoo visitors on Tuesday.

A rainstorm Wednesday made a slight variation in the fine weather enjoyed for the past two weeks.

Miss Kittie More has been the guest of her sister Miss Helen, for the past week.

There will be a Box social at the River Valley school house on Wednesday, November 28th. Everyone invited.

Miss Marian Pierce was a guest of Miss Marian Mutchler at the M. A. C. in Lansing from Friday until Monday.

There will be a dancing party at Longwell's Opera House on Friday evening of this week. Good music and a pleasant evening assured. Bill 50 cents and everybody invited.

Cegasta Cutler won first prize in the Lee School by earning the most "Stars." The parents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cutler naturally feel proud of the accomplishment. Miss Florence Howe is teacher in this school.

Dr. O. B. Hayden, who will be remembered as one of the old time residents of this community and a school boy here in the days gone by, will be at the Hotel Clifton on Saturday of this week and will be pleased to meet all of his old friends on that occasion.

Next week Thursday is Thanksgiving. It is the intention of The True Northerner to go to press on Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday, that we may all enjoy the Holiday. Correspondents and advertisers will please bear this in mind and get all copy to us one day earlier than usual.

Wm. McLaws shipped his household goods and stock to Blackstone, Virginia on Wednesday, the family leaving Thursday. They expect to make that place their future home. Ernest Cutler went with the goods and stock, and while there will look over the country in view of finding himself a home in the South land.

The W. R. C. ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Sam Buffington last Thursday for a farewell dinner in Mrs. Buffington's honor. They will leave in a few days for Florida, where they expect to spend the winter months. It was a pleasant gathering, and all united in wishing for them a pleasant trip, and enjoyable winter in their Southern home.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Van Buren, Michigan to be held at Kalamazoo on January 12th, 1918 to fill the position of Rural routes from other post offices in Van Buren County. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above, the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. or W. C. Hall, local secretary at Kalamazoo.

Van Buren County's contingent for the National Army, consisting of thirty-nine of our best boys, left for Camp Custer Thursday morning in charge of Sheriff Beattie. A farewell reception in their honor was given in the Circuit Court room on Wednesday evening. Owing to the inclement weather and the short time in which to announce the affair, not as many people were present as should have been. Many friends and relatives of the boys from about the county came to help make the affair a success. Judge Anderson acted in the capacity of Master of Ceremonies and addressed the boys. Patriotic talks were also given by Attorneys T. J. Cavanaugh and Lynn Free and Father Clarkson. The High school band furnished excellent music and the informal affair was a success from every standpoint. All the Van Buren county boys who have gone to swell the army cannot help but have that feeling of satisfaction that all the folks back home are with them and are proud of them.

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